

Media Information



Columbus Division of Police
Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: Update: July 24, 2020

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Type of Offense/Incident: Shooting/Homicide

Date: July 24, 2020

Time: 2:01am

Location of Offense/Incident: Area of 221 S. Dana Ave

Zone: 3

Precinct: 8Pct.

Incident Report #: 200546404

Cruiser District: 83

Victim: Elijah D. Copley

Sex: Male

Race: White

Age: 14

Victim: Jaiden Johns

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 15

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Unknown

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

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Incident Summary: On July 24, 2020, at approximately 2:01am, the victims, both Juveniles, were riding scooters east bound on Rich St. at Dana Ave., when two unknown suspects began to shoot at them. Victim #1 was struck one time and was transported to a local area hospital by CFD Medic #17 in critical condition. Victim #2 was uninjured.

At this time, they do not expect Victim #1 to recover from his injuries.

This is being investigated as the 72nd Homicide in Columbus, Ohio in the Calendar Year 2020. Detective Zimmer is the lead investigator being assisted by Detective Titus. The investigation continues.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to contact the Columbus Police Homicide Unit at 614-645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at 614-461-TIPS (8477).

Update 7-24-2020: At 8:08am, Elijah Copley succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

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